

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st December 2019

Willie Long EI6AI

It is with the deepest sympathy that we report the passing of Willie Long EI6AI. Willie was a good friend to many fellow hams in the community throughout the decades.

Willie's great wit and humorous ways were enjoyed by his friends and anyone who had the fortune of meeting him.

In the words of his friend and fellow ham Aengus EI4ABB:

"I got to know Willie first when I started going to the radio rallies over thirty years ago. Each time I visited him I always left with some item for the shack. As I got to know him more, we went to rallies overseas including Lester for many years. Willie first told me about Friedrichshafen in Germany, which was an eye opener, and became an annual event for myself and my fellow hams in Galway. I also had the great pleasure of visiting Willie at his home QTH, and enjoyed his and Olive's great hospitality. Willie's great technical knowledge was vast and we spend many hours working on various projects in his shack. There are so many great memories for me and of course all the people who knew Willie over the years."

Our profound condolences go out to Willie's family and friends at this time. May he rest in peace.

Phoenix Rally

A date for your calendar. The Phoenix Rally in Coolmine is planned to take place on Sunday 16th Feb 2020. As usual the event will be a great opportunity early in the new year for hams from all over the country to meet up with each other again. Further details and booking of tables can be obtained through Tony 087 2439997

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

Reminder that the next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 10th December at 8.30pm. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can attend any of their meetings. You can also check out their website www.ei7trg.ie or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

Shannon Aviation Museum has allowed the Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club to set up a club station in a section of the Museum, using the Club ICOM 756 and Kenwood 940S. Currently, the antenna is a G5RV orientated North South. Plans are to build and to experiment with various HF antennas over the coming months. It is also planned to operate on the VHF and UHF bands.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group would like to remind people that are intending to book their hotel rooms for the IRTS AGM 2020 weekend in April 2020 to book them as soon as possible please. Rooms have been taken very quickly for the weekend so if you are to be sure to obtain a room in the hotel for the weekend please book it as soon as possible. Details about the weekend including room prices can be found at <https://agm2020cw.blogspot.com>

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “southeasternarg /at/ Gmail /dot/ com” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

December is YOTA month

Throughout the month of December EI0YOTA will once again be on the air with the aim of getting youngsters involved in our hobby.

The call will be available for use by clubs or individual operators. Anyone wishing to use the call should contact brian EI8IU 0861057325.

The shannon basin radio club 2meter net takes place every Thursday night at 20:00 on 145.350

Shannon Basin Radio Club

Reminder that the Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM in Hannons Hotel Roscommon on Wednesday the 11th December at 20:00. All members are requested to attend and anyone wishing to join the club is more than welcome. Refreshments provided on the night. Please see www.sbrc.ie or club Facebook page for more details.

DX News

Harald DF2WO will be back in Burkina Faso from 2nd – 20th December. He will reactivate his XT2AW callsign on all bands 160 – 6m. As usual QSLs go via M0OXO OQRS.

Members of the Hope Hill Contesters group will sign TO9W from the island of St Martin in the Caribbean from 5th – 13th December. They hope to have 3 stations operating simultaneously. QSL manager is W9ILY.

Matt IZ4YGS will be QRV from Sanzule in Ghana until 28th December. He is using the callsign 9G5GS on all bands 160 – 15m on FT8 and SSB. QSL to his home call.

John W5JON will return to his home on St Kitts island for a few days (10th – 19th December) and plans to be on the air as V47JA. QSL direct and QSOs are uploaded regularly to Logbook of The World.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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